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FROM COMMERCE

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SUBJ: TRADE COMPLAINT - CLP CORP, PHILADELPHIA, PA

RE GUTHRIE/LABRIE LTR 5/21/73

1. CLP CORP CLAIMS ABOUT \$8,000 ON DEPOSIT BANK LONDON AND MONTREAL QUITO AND HAS BEEN UNABLE RECEIVE REMITTANCE THEREOF. CLP LOCAL LAWYER JM RUMAZO ARCO, HAS SOLE POWER OF ATTORNEY, BUT HAS IGNORED CLP'S DEMANDS FOR REMITTANCE.

2. ACCORDING BACKGROUND SUPPLIED BY FIRM, CLP ORIGINALLY INTENDED ESTABLISH EXPORT-IMPORT BUSINESS IN ECUADOR IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ECUADOREAN NATIONAL JOSE LARA POZO AND DEPOSITED \$50,000 BANK OF LONDON AND MONTREAL. RELATIONSHIP WITH LARA SUBSEQUENTLY SEVERED, CLP ALLEGING LARA HAD MISAPPROPRIATED TO HIS USE LARGE AMOUNT FUNDS. CLP REVOKED LARA'S POWER OF ATTORNEY. IT THEN HIRED JM RUMAZO ARCO WHO ASSUMED POWER OF ATTORNEY AND REPRESENTED CLP BEFORE ECUADOREAN AUTHORITIES FOR PURPOSE OBTAINING IMPORT AND EXPORT LICENSES. HE LATER INFORMED CLP THAT GOE AUTHORITIES TURNED DOWN LICENSE APPLICATIONS AND GAVE NO EXPLANATION.

3. ALTHOUGH CLP MYSTIFIED AND DISAPPOINTED THAT EFFORTS TO DO BUSINESS IN ECUADOR HAVE FAILED, ITS MAJOR CONCERN AT PRESENT IS UNCLASSIFIED

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TO OBTAIN REMITTANCE OF ITS \$8,000.

4. THE EMB IS REQUESTED TO LOOK INTO THIS MATTER AND TO REPORT
ITS FINDINGS. AN EARLY REPLY WILL BE APPRECIATED. ROGERS

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